

## "We have been dragged into someone else's psychosis"

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## **Transcript:**

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we've got a lot going on in the world in

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fact almost nothing that was true last

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week is still true we're in a whole new

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universe so that's uh kind of

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interesting yeah it's getting a little

00:13 it's it's a little much isn't it guys 00:15 are you sick of it yeah i'm i'm i'm 00:17 i'm 00:19 i'm done 00:20 yeah i'm getting pretty done 00:21 yeah they say they say jump and i say 00:24 how high are these people 00:27 they really want us jumping 00:30 that's good i like that that was that 00:32 was good that was good okay we're going 00:34 to talk about a lot of things today it's 00:37 you know it's increasingly just 00:39 beyond challenging to know how to choose 00:43 among the very many topics that are 00:45

popping up and you know what
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what both of us would love to be doing
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is focusing on
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scientific
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hypotheses and
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would-be truths and assessing whether or
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not they are truths and um there's a
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certain amount of that possible in the
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modern chaotic world but largely we're
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stuck in the land of uh sort of social
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arbitration which is
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harder to find our way out of and also
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much less satisfying to spend any time
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in at all yes in a world where so much

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of belief is completely untethered from
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anything that's like actual evidence
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it's very hard to talk about how
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evidence might modify beliefs and things
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like that right because i'm sorry but
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you know at the point that you know you
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say okay well this is what we're being
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told is true
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and you assess it and i say oh well
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actually there's this other thing well
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we couldn't have known that because you
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wouldn't share it with us and why
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wouldn't you share it with us that in
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itself not sharing data not sharing

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evidence
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uh in advance of being asked nay in some
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cases forced to come to a conclusion
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about that evidence is anti-scientific
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as we have said here before
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but then but then there are traps
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whether or not they're premeditated or
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not wherein ah because you said the
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thing uh back then based on what we had
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told you and that was wrong uh you must
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be wrong so well well no i'm actually
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not thinking of anything in particular
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here just the fact that we are never
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given a complete set of information to
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work with in this modern environment i

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prefer to think of it as we have been
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dragged into someone else's psychosis
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it's not an enjoyable psychosis it's
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just kind of psychotic yeah you know
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actually i was thinking about this
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before we get into like the opening
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housekeeping ads and such um
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there's this thing i used to say to you
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about
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we had
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we were unfortunate enough as really
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everyone is at some point to find
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ourselves in
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the company of people who we came to
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understand i'm thinking of one person in 02:43 particular came to understand was a 02:45 sociopath 02:46 and this was actually 02:48 only over in my world this had very 02:49 little to do with with your 02:52 your world at the time but of course we 02:53 were we were sharing worlds mostly and i 02:56 had been trying to make sense of all of 02:59 the chaos that was happening around me 03:00 suddenly in this very carefully curated 03:03 community that was full of trust and 03:05 warmth and love really and then suddenly 03:07 it wasn't and suddenly there were a lot 03:08 of things that were

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that were going wrong and i i said you
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know i think i think a rubric is
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if
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suddenly everything that you thought was
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making sense isn't you know you should
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look around for a point source on that
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and when it's an individual it might
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well be
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someone with you know a cluster b
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personality disorder you know someone
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who's an actual sociopath and i think in
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that case it was like oh all roads trace
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back to such and such person and you
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know that turns out to be the source of
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all of the misinformation the 03:37 disinformation and the social 03:40 manipulations and such and clear that 03:42 person from the equation and voila 03:44 things begin to make sense again and you 03:47 can't do that when the would-be 03:49 sociopath or psychopath is in fact a 03:52 society-wide disorder so you know look 03:54 around let's see if you can pinpoint a 03:56 thing that is driving the chaos that 03:59 doesn't mean that you can just exclude 04:01 it from your life the way you can 04:03 to some degree when it's an individual 04:05 human being but i think it is there is 04:07 an analogy to be made there uh i will

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make one modification yeah cluster b
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personality disorder or a perverse
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incentive big enough to create the same
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phenomenon that manifests with those
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same personality traits but not
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necessarily because of an actual uh
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mental disorder right and in fact what
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you get
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what you get is somebody is generating a
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fiction far enough from reality that
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people who have signed on to this sort
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of on-ramp stuff are left with you know
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a giant gap they'd have to jump to get
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back to reality land and so it's sort of
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like the person creates an artificial
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hazard and then sells you the solution
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to it in the form of a narrative that
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makes neat sense of things right
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finding finding it difficult to get your
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bearings i have a narrative right here
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designed specially for you and the world
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that i created for you right in fact i
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have these very excellent bearings
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they're very high quality the tolerances
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are narrow they're they're wonderful
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bearings and not spherical but
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you take what you can get they're oblong
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but other than that beautiful beautiful

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